

ONE INDICTMENT MURDER CHARGE

Grand Jury Returns First Report, Including True Bills for Various Offenses.

The Hamilton county grand jury, after a three days session, reported in open court to Judge McReynolds court Thursday morning. The jury reported an indictment against Walter Lofton, colored, charged with the murder of a negro named Joe Smith. The dying declaration furnished the clue on which Lofton was arrested and later indicted. It is claimed that Smith, in a dying statement implicated Lofton and his brother as the guilty parties. The killing occurred at a local foundry, and the cause leading to the tragedy has never been divulged.

Amos Slayton, colored, felt the heavy hand of the law, he being indicted for carrying a pistol, and also on two counts of selling whiskey. Slayton was recently arrested as the result of a complaint of his wife, who charged that he was beating her. When the officers went to arrest him they found a five-gallon jug of liquor in his home, and when he was searched at the police station he was armed with a pistol. He was also bound over from the city court on the charges of assault and battery and drunk and disorderly.

The grand jury also returned indictments against four druggists, charging them with failure to save duplicates of narcotic prescriptions. Those indicted were Dr. Henry Fuehrer, Dr. J. B. Lee and Dr. W. L. Douglas, the latter colored.

Nine women were indicted on the charge of vagrancy, most of them being new ones, the old offenders failing to appear at this session.

Eighteen offenders charged with selling whiskey were indicted, among them being John Fines, who was recently arrested by the provost guards, charged with selling whiskey to a soldier.

Thomas Carden and Bert Long were indicted, charged with burglary, having recently been recognized as having been the ones who entered a store near Saddy. Both men were indicted at the last grand jury, charged with breaking open a box car. They are also suspected of knowing something of the death of a soldier at Fort Oglethorpe, who was found with his throat cut.

Six no true bills were reported. The indictments returned by the grand are as follows:

Willie Douglas, carrying pistol.
Amos Slayton, carrying pistol.
A. J. Jackson, carrying pistol.
Mattie McCoy, carrying pistol.
Idessa Prater, selling liquor.
Jennie Stone, selling liquor.
Walter Daniels, selling liquor.
Amos Slayton, selling liquor.
Azenee Bonner, selling liquor.
James West, selling liquor.
Sallie Smith, selling liquor.
Tom Harrington, selling liquor.
Oscar Brown, selling liquor.
W. H. Palmer, selling liquor.
J. H. Abbott, selling liquor.
G. H. Young, selling liquor.
Will Lewis, selling liquor.
Jake Finn, selling liquor.
John Thomas, selling liquor.
Amos Slayton, selling liquor.
Henry Sublett, selling liquor.
J. C. Throver, selling liquor.
Ella Spears, vagrancy.
Myrtle Lovins, vagrancy.
Luella Bradley, vagrancy.
Bessie Moore, vagrancy.
Annie Grattan, vagrancy.
Charley Johnson, vagrancy.
Mary Lyons, vagrancy.
Ed Densley, vagrancy.
Warrior Coker, vagrancy.
Sol Smith, assault and battery.
Grant Ford, gaming.
Austin Langley, defrauding board-house keeper.
M. Rodkin, assault and battery.
McKinley Gibson, gaming.
J. H. Abbott, driving auto while drunk.
Dr. Henry Fuehrer, failure to keep duplicate of narcotic prescription.
Dr. W. L. Douglas (colored), failure to keep duplicate of narcotic prescription.
Dr. John B. Lee, failure to keep duplicate of narcotic prescription.
Henry Taylor, larceny.
Joe Atkins, larceny.
Alex Ross, larceny.
Herbert Watkins, larceny.
John Henry Culbert, larceny.
Will Harris, larceny.
J. R. Banks, larceny.
Jessie Glass, larceny.
Elmo Ray, larceny.
David Moore, larceny.
R. T. Reynolds, larceny.
Boyd Townsend, larceny.
Calvin Keith, larceny.
Sigisby Hood, larceny.
Thomas Carden, burglary.
Bert Long, burglary.
Jerome King, burglary.
Will Denton, burglary.
Will Teague, burglary.
Mart McAllister, burglary.
Alfons Byrd, felonious assault.
Willie Douglas, felonious assault.
Walter Lofton, murder.

No True Bills.
G. H. Young, storing liquor.
Rose Gaston, larceny.
A. J. Jackson, assault.
George Smith, housebreaking.
Donald Houston, housebreaking and larceny.
J. N. Minnis, larceny.

**FINED ON CHARGE
OF SELLING LIQUOR**
On a charge of selling liquor, J. L. Walker, arrested by Will Light and Ed Tate, plainclothes officers of the police department, was fined \$50 and costs and bound over to grand jury.

MOTHERS OF AMERICA, WHAT IF THESE CHILDREN WERE YOURS?



This picture, brought to this country by Idah McGlone Gibson, who made a trip to the war zone in the interest of the American Red Cross and The News, shows a number of French children made fatherless and motherless by the German invasion of northern France and the subsequent German indignities practiced on the population of the occupied districts. They are being cared for at a former convent which has been converted by the French into an orphanage. Some of the homeless kiddies take their fate philosophically; others weep broken-hearted at the substitution of a nurse, however tender, for the loved mother who used to cuddle them in her arms.

WAR CONFERENCE MEETS IN CAPITAL

(Special to The News.)
Nashville, April 4.—The war conference held under the auspices of the women's division of the Council of National Defense for Tennessee was convened this morning in the hall of representatives at the state capitol.

More than four hundred of the most prominent and representative women of the Volunteer state were in attendance, and the tone of the meeting was strictly one of patriotism as exhibited in carrying out the duties that befall to the women of the nation in the world war.

The conference was presided over by Mrs. Isabelle Wilson of Nashville, who presented Mrs. George W. Denney, of Knoxville.

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Latest News in World of Books

BY FRANCES FORT BROWN

"Militant America and Jesus Christ," by Abraham Mittle Ribbany; Houghton, Mifflin Company.

Mr. Ribbany wrote that pretty thing, "Militant America and Jesus Christ," being a Syrian himself, he threw light on some things in Christ's ministry as regarding manners and customs of the day. The present little volume is graceful and pleasing in style, and at least the author does not sidestep the contention as to whether or not Christ was a pacifist.

He enters boldly into the arena, proving to his own entire satisfaction that Christ would applaud the present war. He treats his subject enthusiastically.

Mr. Ribbany is not so strong in logic as in poetic description, and his readers will probably lay down his book and believe just what they did before. The most striking thing in it (and very probable) is the lesson drawn from that much discussed advice to "turn the other cheek."

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Eugene Troubetzkoy opens the book with "The Reign of Nonsense in the World, in the State and in Human Life." It is masterly, with the power of going straight to the heart, peculiar to Russian music, art and literature.

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"Allow me to thank you for the splendid work you did for the nation this winter. During the time of stress you gave practically all your time to the relief of Chattanooga, to the serious detriment of your own business."

"I am especially indebted to you for the advice you gave me. Your good judgment and plain common sense, coupled with your splendid patriotism, were of inestimable value to me."